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Re.: Point V.

1 In the present notification, reference is made to the following documents:

D1: DE 100 15 897 A (AISIN SEIKI) November 23, 2000
(2000-11-23)

D2: PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN Vol. 1996, No. 05, May 31, 1996 (1996-05-31) & JP 8 002357 A (NISSAN MOTOR CO LTD), January 9, 1996 (1996-01-09)

D3: DE 202 12 398 U1 (TRW AUTOMOIVE) January 23, 2003 (2003-01-30 [sic])

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application does not fulfill the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT, since the object of Claim 1 is not novel in terms of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses refer to this document):

Device for driving assistance, in particular for parking a vehicle including an output unit for outputting driving indications to a driver (Figure 1, Position 13), wherein the driving indications provide the driver with a driving zone (anticipated moving path, Position 20) situated between two trajectories (see D1 - Figure 1, Position 20a; Figure 13a-e, Position 20 - trajectories are literally interpreted here as lines according to the wording of the claim. These lines are also shown in D1 as

"lateral" trajectories, as the marking line of the vehicle's exterior dimensions, between which the vehicle may travel. The application's Figure 2, Position 44, 45 also show the same "lateral" trajectories - additionally, - but not in D1, - trajectories "with respect to the center of the axle" are shown in the same Figure 2, Position 27, 28 of the application.).

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2 through 9

Claims 2 through 9 do not contain features which, in combination with the features of any other claim to which they refer, fulfill the requirements of the PCT with regard to novelty or inventive step.

3.1 Claim 2

See D1 - Claim 1

3.2 Claim 3

See D1 - Column 10, Line 12 - Column 11, Line 10; Figure 13a, Position 20

3.3 Claim 4

See D1 - Column 9, Line 45 - Column 10, Line 40

3.4 Claim 5

The features of Claim 5 - "measuring device for measuring the distance" - have been already for the same purpose in a similar "device for driving assistance," see document D2 (abstract). If those skilled in the art want to achieve the same purpose in a "device for driving assistance" according to document D1, it is possible without any problem to use the features with corresponding effect also for the object of D1. In this way, those skilled in the art would arrive at a "device

for driving assistance" according to Claim 5 without inventive help.

3.5 Claim 6

See D1 - Figure 1, Position 11

3.6 Claim 7

See D1 - Claim 3, 4 (device for determining the reverse center of rotation), Figure 13a

3.7 Claim 8

The features of Claim 8 - "haptic means" - have already been [used] for the same purpose in a similar "device for driving assistance," see document D3 (Column 1, Line 14 - Column 2, Line 12). If those skilled in the art want to achieve the same purpose in a "device for driving assistance" according to document D1, it is possible without any problem to use the features with corresponding effect also for the object of D1. In this way, those skilled in the art would arrive at a "device for driving assistance" according to Claim 8 without inventive help.

3.8 Claim 9

See D1 - Figure 1, Position 6, 7

Comments Regarding the Search Report

- (1) Is most proximate related art, shows only one clear parking lane, no overall trajectories in the display;
- if required, expression trajectory in A1 against the background of the specification
6, 27-32 and/or
7, 16 ff
(possibly + A4) clarify
Otherwise defensible!
- initiate national phase as planned

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¹ Translator's Footnote: This page was returned as illegible by the translation agency. An attempt has been made by this translator to prepare a translation, which in all likelihood is correct, but may include errors due to the nearly illegible handwriting.